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Action items taken up at PRESUCCESS meeting of 29 April 1954  
(resulting from a trip taken by DD/P and SA/DCI - Mr. Bissell  
to LINCOLN on 28 April.)

Present at meeting: Mr. Helms, Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Bissell,  
Colonel King, [ ] Mr. [ ] Mr. Esterline  
and Mr. [ ]

1. Reimbursement to the Marines -- Action: Mr. [ ]
2. Approach to the Marines for courier use of planes -- Action: Mr. [ ]  
[ ] etc.
3. Slots and grade problem for LINCOLN station personnel - Robertson  
in particular -- Action: Mr. [ ]
4. LINCOLN request for an additional C-47 and an additional crew.  
Action: Mr. [ ] and AMD.
5. Request made by Mr. Wisner to LINCOLN when he was there for the  
following:
  - a. D-Day Operational Plan.
  - b. Paper on additional internal military strength  
figures to be provided.(Both of these papers due from Mr. Barnes not later than Tuesday,  
4 May 1954.) Action: Mr. Barnes.
6. Security, cover and deception. LINCOLN now considering memorandum  
written by Mr. Wisner while at LINCOLN entitled "Ways and Means of  
Improving Cover and Deception for SUCCESS Operation." Also, copies  
of this memorandum have been furnished to Mr. Helms, Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Bissell, Colonel King, Mr. [ ] and Mr. [ ] for their  
consideration and recommendations. LINCOLN is to advise us whether  
or not they plan to use any of the suggestions contained in this  
memorandum.
7. Position of [ ] Action: [ ]  
[ ] get in touch with Mr. [ ] before he leaves on his visit to see  
[ ] in the next day or two. Mr. [ ] is to persuade [ ]  
to stay with us on this.
8. (Mr. Bissell's suggestion) Prepare a brief memorandum for the files  
on the amount of time that has been lost here as a result of the  
hazarding around by State on the policy issue. If the operation  
should fail, we could use this as evidence. Action: Mr. Esterline,  
Mr. Wisner and Mr. Bissell. Mr. Esterline to find the first cable  
which we sent to the field telling them we were having difficulty  
with State and send it to Mr. Wisner who in turn will prepare a  
first draft of the memorandum with Mr. Bissell preparing the final  
draft.

9. Use of [ ] It is LINCOLN's conclusion that until they had a reply from Mr. [ ] which they were expecting momentarily, they would like to see this question kept open. Action: Colonel King. (Colonel King has talked to [ ] and knows the full story on this. He should keep in mind the fact the [ ] has not been to Guatemala since 1949. Also, Ambassador Peurifoy is most enthusiastic about this.)
10. The messages that tell the story of how the trap was set for the police chief (which LINCOLN got together and gave to FUM while he was there) should look good to Mr. Holland. Action: Mr. Bissell. (Mr. Bissell to write a memorandum of operations and accomplishments in the field of political and psychological warfare reciting some of the actual successes we have had.)
11. For headquarters:
- a. See to it that there is a much broader external exploitation of the "32 campaign."
  - b. Keep alive and play up if necessary the Guatemalan attempt on the life of Somoza and what Arbenz may have in mind vis-a-vis other countries - softer areas such as Mexico, Chile, Costa Rica, etc.
- Action: Mr. Bissell and Mr. [ ] Remember to mention it to Ambassador Peurifoy.
12. Maps. Mr. Wisner asked Mr. Esterline to prepare two maps. One should be fairly detailed and should include the road network, railroads, communications, etc. of Guatemala. Also, the names and locations of the nine garrison towns should be on this map. The second map should be of Guatemala and surrounding countries to take in up to the Mexican border and down to the Panamanian border. Action: Mr. Esterline.

Mr. Bissell's points.

13. LINCOLN is interested in recruiting a few military personnel in Colombia - volunteer Colombian Korean war veterans. LINCOLN recommended that headquarters give this a strong push. Action: Mr. Bissell and Mr. [ ] (Mr. [ ] knows the full story on this as he initiated it originally.) Mr. Bissell will discuss this with Mr. [ ] and also check to see what, if anything, IO has done on this.

14. The Voice of the Army. Mr. Wisner is now convinced after talking with LINCOLN personnel that several of Mr. Leddy's objections to this are without foundation. Action: Mr. Bissell.
15. The idea of sending a labor man down to Guatemala to talk with labor people down there. Action: Mr. Bissell. He will talk to IO on this.

Orig: SA/DCI - Mr. Bissell  
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A/DD/P/P  
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Mr. Esterline, WH